

**To:** McGrath, Shaun[McGrath.Shaun@epa.gov]  
**From:** McComb, Martin  
**Sent:** Sun 8/16/2015 9:32:50 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Data to Headquarters

Rolling through my emails as I get off this response.

I really feel I could have gotten information out to people very early on if I had only the gumption to stand up and exercise my authorities under the National Contingency Plan. The NCP is very clear that I have that authority. I certainly feel this would have changed the pattern of the response. It might have been chaos early on as they all are but then things would have settled out less painfully for all those downstream citizens who were in the dark because we could not release information. Remember Glendive and how open we were with our data?

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> On Aug 13, 2015, at 5:35 AM, McComb, Martin <McComb.Martin@epa.gov> wrote:  
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> Sir,  
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> I hope I can be frank.  
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> This email was meant to point out the outstanding efforts of my Team and I will pass along your sentiments.  
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> Personally, I have been doing this for 15 years and have truly contributed to our Agency's very largest responses. I feel broken on this one not because "we caused it" but because I cannot contribute anything meaningful to this one.  
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> Take care,  
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> Marty  
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>> On Aug 12, 2015, at 11:57 PM, McGrath, Shaun <McGrath.Shaun@epa.gov> wrote:  
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>> You really are rock stars! A huge effort today. Thanks to all for hanging in there and making this happen!  
>>  
>> Sent from my iPhone  
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>>> On Aug 12, 2015, at 11:42 PM, McKean, Deborah <mckean.deborah@epa.gov> wrote:  
>>>  
>>> Wow!  
>>> You guys are rock stars!!!  
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>>> Sent from my iPhone  
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>>>> On Aug 12, 2015, at 11:39 PM, McComb, Martin <McComb.Martin@epa.gov> wrote:  
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>>>> Terry,  
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>>>> Please share this with the HQs EOC:  
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>>>> I am taking back the following message. Speaking for the data management teams in Regions 6, 8

and 9, we are proud to say that we will meet our commitment to HQs even after taking on the added workload.

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>>>> We have a thoroughly amazing crew that is busting there tails and working long hours to meet the changing data management demands and priorities of this Site.

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>>>> I personally hope that their continuous efforts will somehow help us overcome the public stigma that EPA can't get data out.

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>>>>> On Aug 12, 2015, at 10:52 PM, McComb, Martin <McComb.Martin@epa.gov> wrote:

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>>>>> Terry,

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>>>>> Please share thus info with the HQs EOC:

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>>>>> We will be delayed in getting you data at 7am tomorrow. We've had to redirect resources to making changes to the deliverables that are required for public consumption.

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>>>>> My Team needs sleep. I will send you an updated delivery time as soon as I can. The R6 and R9 data is in pretty good shape but we still need to go through some of the validation reports for R8.

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